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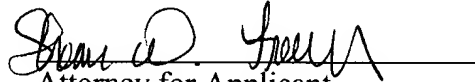
**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF CLAIM TO PRIORITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
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Sir:

In support of Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, a Claim to Priority was filed on August 17, 1999, together with a certified copy of the priority document number 10-057250. To date, Applicant has not received confirmation of receipt of the Claim to Priority and certified copy of the priority. It is therefore respectfully requested that acknowledgment of receipt of the Claim to Priority and certified copy of the priority document be provided at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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